Reviewer's report

Title: Biopsy-Proven Autoimmune Myocarditis in HIV-Associated Dilated Cardiomyopathy.

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Reviewer: Alida LP Caforio

Reviewer's report:

I have no major criticisms, the report is interesting.

Minor essential revisions:

1) please add to the discussion (page 5, line 106; line 111) a recent European Society of cardiology consensus document on myocarditis which is in keeping with the view expressed by the authors (Caforio ALP, et al. Current state of knowledge on aetiology, diagnosis, management and therapy of myocarditis. A Position statement of the European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases. Eur Heart J 2013 2013; 34:2636-48)

2) Did the authors look for cardiac-specific autoantibodies in the patient's serum? Such autoantibodies have been previously found in HIV -related heart disease and it has been reported that they may markers for an autoimmune involvement. Please add the following reference (Currie et al. Evidence of cardiac autoimmunity in HIV related heart muscle disease. Heart 1998; 79 (6): 599-604.)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.